

18. A memento dispensing device of claim 1, wherein said currency acceptor comprises a numeric display counter for display of the validated amount of currency recognizable as credit reserve, means for accepting paper currency of common denominations for validation by validating means and means for rejecting paper currency deemed invalid or of an improper denomination by validating means through a return slot.

19. A memento dispensing device of claim 1, wherein said currency acceptor comprises a numeric display counter for display of the validated amount of currency recognizable as credit reserve and means for accepting currency in the form of coins for validation by validating means.

20. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, further comprising a reel wheel bracket supportive of said reel wheels and having an associated encoder and an optic sensor collectively mounted thereto and communicatively coupled to said process controller means, said encoder functioning to assist said process controller means in sensing the rotational position of each of said reel wheels and ensure proper display of said symbol in said divided display window upon completing said reel spin cycle, said optic sensor functioning to reference and communicate with said process controller means a home flagged position of said reel wheel upon optic interruption.

21. A memento dispensing device of claim 1, further comprising means for deactivating process controller means upon recognition of an observable tilt condition caused by internal failure thereof.

22. A memento dispensing device of claim 21, wherein deactivating means comprises means for activating an illuminated candle situated atop said cabinet to visually signify an inoperative condition of said process controller means.

23. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, further comprising means for playing stored video footage on a display monitor housed within said upper portion of said interior compartment.

24. A memento dispensing device of claim 23, wherein said playing stored video footage means is activated upon commencing a first reel spin cycle for a first reel wheel and continues to actively operate for a predetermined period of time thereafter.

25. A memento dispensing device of claim 23, wherein said playing stored video footage means is activated upon dispensing said memento from said hopper assembly and continues to actively operate for a predetermined period of time thereafter.

26. A memento dispensing device of claim 23, wherein said playing stored video footage means is activated upon recognition of the validated amount of currency calculably posted as credit reserve and continues to actively operate for a predetermined period of time thereafter.

27. A memento dispensing device of claim 23, wherein said video playing means comprises a consumer-based video playback device operably controlled apart from said process controller means and having manually operable switching capabilities for controlled playback of video stored on recognizable formats for a predetermined length of time.

28. A memento dispensing device of claim 23, wherein said video playing means further comprises means for remote operation thereof.

29. A memento dispensing device of claim 28, wherein said video playing means comprises a video microcontroller communicatively coupled to said process controller means

and having onboard switching capabilities supplementary to said remote operation means, said video microcontroller being connectively coupled to a hard drive for resident storage of video in a recognizable format, a memory card reader for accessing and reading video stored on compact flash media, and means for emitting sound contemporaneously produced and stored with the video.

30. A memento dispensing device of claim 29, wherein said sound emitting means comprises a digital and analog converter for receiving and converting a digital audio signal into an analog audio signal suited for input into an amplifier having outputs connected to speakers.

31. A memento dispensing device of claim 23, wherein said video playing means comprises a video playback card communicatively coupled to said process controller means and having inherently configured storage medium suited for storing video of a recognizable format for processing by said video playback card for output to said display monitor.

32. A memento dispensing device of claim 29, wherein said remote operation means comprises a remote control transmitter for transmitting infrared signals to a receiver connectively coupled to said video microcontroller for activation thereof.

33. A memento dispensing device of claim 29, wherein said remote operation means comprises a motion sensor connectively coupled to said video microcontroller for sensing the presence and movement of a nearby object for which serves to prompt said video microcontroller to playback stored video on said display monitor.

34. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, further comprising means for producing digitally enhanced sound, said digitally enhanced sound means being connectively coupled speakers for emitting sound exteriorly of said cabinet.

35. A memento dispensing device of claim 34, wherein producing digitally enhanced sound means comprises a sound generator communicatively coupled to said main microcontroller for activation and control thereby and an audio amplifier connectively coupled to said sound generator for amplifying an analog audio signal emitted therefrom for output to said speakers.

36. A memento dispensing device of claim 34, wherein producing digitally enhanced sound means comprises a programmable sound generator communicatively coupled to said main microcontroller and having an integrated circuit for producing a wide variety of complex sounds under software control and an onboard memory module for storing produced complex sounds, said programmable sound generator comprising a sound microcontroller operably dedicated to produce complex sounds and an audio amplifier for amplifying complex sounds produced therefrom for output to said speakers.

37. A memento dispensing device of claim 34, wherein said producing digitally enhanced sound means is activated upon commencing a first reel spin cycle for a first reel wheel and continues to actively operate for a predetermined period of time thereafter.

38. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, further comprising an illuminated candle situated and mounted atop said cabinet and means for illuminating said illuminated candle.

39. A memento dispensing device of claim 38, wherein said illuminating means is connectively coupled to said process controller means and is activated upon commencing